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REMARKS

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1. At 10 a.m. on 7 October, a train carrying 30 trucks, including 10 with heavy AA machine guns: 12 x 37-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks, [redacted] loaded with billeting equipment passed through Brandenburg toward Magdeburg.<sup>1</sup>
2. At 3:30 p.m. on 4 October, between 100 and 120 trucks towing 20 x 76-mm AT guns and 25 x 57-mm AT guns, partially occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and partially loaded with billeting equipment, were seen arriving at the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg from the direction of Plauen. The vehicles were rather dusty.

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At about midnight on 5 October, 20 boxcars and 22 flatcars occupied by about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, billeting equipment and ammunition and 15 x 100-mm AT guns, 1 half-track vehicle and 5 trucks [redacted] were unloaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station, coming from the direction of Altengrabow. At 11:20 a.m. on 6 October, 18 boxcars and 33 flatcars carrying between 200 and 250 soldiers, 6 x 100-mm AT guns, 8 half-track vehicles and 25 trucks [redacted] were unloaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station coming from the direction of Altengrabow. The troops who arrived by the two trains moved to the Flak Kaserne.<sup>2</sup> At about 8 a.m. on 6 October, 30 boxcars and 25 flatcars carrying between 120 and 150 soldiers and an undetermined number of 120-mm mortars and 20 trucks [redacted] and 1 truck [redacted] loaded with billeting equipment and ammunition were unloaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station, coming from the direction of Tangerhuetten. At about 9 p.m. on 6 October, 23 boxcars and 27 flatcars carrying 20 x 120-mm mortars, 1 x 132-mm rocket launcher and 25 trucks, [redacted] were unloaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. The troops who arrived on these 2 trains moved to the Infanterie Kaserne.<sup>3</sup> At 10:15 p.m. on 6 October, the Flak Kaserne was lighted at dusk, while the Infanterie Kaserne was only partially lighted.

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3. On 6 October, [redacted] the troops stationed at the Infanterie Kaserne in Brandenburg had returned. 50X1-HUM

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a train carrying an AAA unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] elements of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig [redacted] had returned to the Flak Kaserne from Altengrabow, from 29 September to 2 October, probably by road. 50X1-HUM
- It is believed that the 2 trains of the brigade are trains [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] went to Brandenburg from Altengrabow on 5 and 6 October. Only the heavy AT artillery of the brigade was apparently transported by rail, while the 57-mm and 76-mm AT guns moved by road.
3. [redacted] Comment. Probably the unloading of the 299th Gds Mort Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div, which had moved to Brandenburg from Tangerhuetten on trains [redacted]

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